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National Fund for Medical Education

At 4 o'clock there was a meeting at the Cloud Club in the Chrysler Building presided over by J. B. Conant and attended by the Trustees of the Fund and representatives of the AFL, CIO, several insurance companies, AMA and the American Association of Medical Colleges, 3 or 4 deans and representatives of Negro and Jewish hospitals or social organizations. C. gave me 25 minutes to talk about the needs of medical education. Other speeches by Staassen of Pennsylvania and Herbert Hoover. I judge that Chase Mellen is going to remain the executive secretary and that the principal executive has not been chosen, Walter Gifford having turned down the job. Later M. sent me a summary of the talk I gave, which I corrected and returned to him.

I think the movement will need a first-rate executive if it is going to succeed. If the American public knew the relative importance of good medical schools as compared with research money for some of the more graphic and dramatizable diseases, an adequate sum of money could easily be raised and the adequate sum would be in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000 for medical, nursing and dental schools. I made the suggestion that the medical profession itself could be challenged to contribute \$100 per capita and this was at least entered in the records of the meeting.